

Red Light Photo Enforcement

What is a Red Light Violation?

There are Two Types of Red Light Violations:

1. Right Turn on Red without coming to a complete stop.

You may be cited if you fail to bring your vehicle to a complete stop before turning right when the light is red. Turning right on red, after bringing your vehicle to a complete stop, is only allowed at intersections that do not have signs prohibiting such turns.

2. Entering an intersection after the traffic signal has turned red.

Motorists already in the intersection (waiting to make a turn for example) when the signal changes to red will not be cited.

What do I do if I receive a Notice?

The fine is \$100.00 for each violation.

How much time do I have to pay my Red Light Violation Notice?

You must pay the civil penalty on or before the due date on your Violation Notice. The due date is located on the top and bottom right of your Notice of Violation.

Violators may view their digital images and video clip by logging onto:

www.redlightviolations.com

I've received a Violation, what are my Options?

Individuals receiving a Violation Notice have Two Options available: Pay the Fine or Contest the Violation. Payments may be made via mail, thru a Village specific toll-free number or online. Individuals wishing to contest may do so either by mail or by requesting an in-person hearing.

The following are the only valid reasons to contest a violation:

1. Police officer already issued you a uniform citation for the same violation (the citation issued by the police officer takes precedence over the Violation Notice).
2. Vehicle or license plates were stolen and not recovered at the time of the violation.
3. Vehicle was leased or rented to another party, and a written affidavit of the lessee of the vehicle and lease agreement were submitted.
4. Vehicle was an emergency vehicle or law participating in a funeral procession.

What happens if I ignore the Violation Notice?

Failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability prior to the Pay or Contest Date will result in a Determination of Liability being entered against you. You will be given additional time to pay, at which time, if payment has still not been received, a Final Determination of Liability will be issued. If this notice goes unpaid, a late payment fee will be imposed and the fine increased. If this Second Notice remains unpaid, collections and an entry of a judgment against you may proceed.

Common Misconceptions

"The red light cameras take a picture of the driver of the vehicle".

Not true. A violation of the Red light Camera Ordinance is a Civil Violation assessed against the owner of the vehicle.

"I cannot dispute a photo enforced ticket without expensive court costs".

Not true. As of January 2011, Illinois law prohibits any community from charging additional fees to individuals wishing to contest a photo enforced violation.

"Photo Enforced Violations do not allow for due process".

Not True. Photo Enforced Violations provide more due process than Officer issued violations. Individuals contesting the citation may do so either in person or via the mail, and the digital images presented provided a far more accurate account of the circumstances.

"The camera flashes and automatically sends out a ticket".

Not true. Seeing a flash does not mean a ticket is generated. The camera does not automatically send out tickets. All digital evidence (including video) is reviewed by a trained Police Officer. No Citations are issued without Police Officer approval and authorization.

"Photo enforcement is BIG BROTHER".

Not True. Photo enforcement technology has been applied all over Chicago and collar counties for years. To date, there is not a single instance of alleged abuse of this technology that would support any "Big Brother Watching" claims.